

PROCLAMATION

In the year ending June 30, 1940, 920 fires were reported in South Dakota, with an estimated loss of \$602,910.28. This is an average of approximately 3 fires and a property loss of \$1,652 daily. In the same period 15 persons lost their lives from fire or burns. Of those who died, 6 were children, and 3 were persons over 70 years of age.

Fire authorities agree that most fires and casualties resulting from fire are due to preventable causes.

The principal sufferer from fire loss is the individual. If his place of employment burns, he is out of a job. More than one-third of all fires occur in homes. The insurance which goes to pay fire losses is contributed by citizens generally. Hence it should be the active interest of every citizen to do all he can to prevent fire and it is appropriate to set aside a certain period each year to stimulate that interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Harlan J. Bushfield, Governor of South Dakota, do hereby designate and proclaim the week from October 6 to 12, 1940, to be observed in the State of South Dakota as

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Many fires are caused by thoughtlessness or negligence. Matches or cigarettes should never be discarded near combustible material. Gasoline, naphtha and similar flammable liquids should not be used indoors or near open flame. Bonfires should not be built on windy days or near material which will burn. Pennies or similar devices should never be placed behind electric fuses, as they prevent the fuses from blowing out. Heating plants should not be lighted for winter until it is determined that the plant, smoke pipe and flue are safe. Flues should be cleaned out.

Particular care should be taken by those responsible for schools, theaters, hospitals, churches and all places of public assembly and detention to see that the buildings are firesafe and that adequate exits are provided.

Municipal authorities should see that their fire ordinances are effective and should maintain systematic inspection programs so as to control fire hazards.

I urge that special programs be held during Fire Prevention Week in schools and by civic clubs, and that the municipal fire authorities sponsor such programs, so as to stimulate as much public interest as possible in the control of fire. The cooperation of press, radio, churches and citizens generally is invited.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota to be affixed.

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DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Pierre, this 15th day of September,  
1940.

Governor

ATTEST:

Secretary of State

*Oct 2 - 12 1940*

*John D. McEachern*

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